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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652, GDS

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SUBJECT: FURTHER MESSAGE TO CAGLAYANGIL FROM THE SECRETARY
ON US-GREEK RELATIONS

REF: (A) ANKARA 2892, (B) STATE 87644

1. PLEASE DELIVER SOONEST FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FONMIN
CAGLAYANGIL FROM THE SECRETARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
MESSAGE OF APRIL 13 IN REPLY TO MINE OF THE PREVIOUS DAY
RELATING TO OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GREEK FOREIGN MINIS-
TER IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK. AMBASSADOR MACOMBER HAS
REPORTED TO ME YOUR ORAL COMMENTS WHILE HANDING HIM YOUR
MESSAGE.

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3. I AM GLAD YOU SHARE OUR VIEW THAT US MILITARY ASSIS-

TANCE FOR GREECE DESIGNED TO ENABLE IT TO MEET ITS BROADER DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE WESTERN ALLIANCE FRAMEWORK SUPPORTS THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF US ALL, INCLUDING THOSE OF TURKEY. AS I NOTED IN MY PREVIOUS MESSAGE, THE ASSISTANCE ENVISAGED FOR TURKEY IN THE NEW US-TURKISH AGREEMENT IS SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN WHAT WE ARE OFFERING GREECE OVER A SIMILAR PERIOD OF TIME.

-- WE VALUE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BOTH TURKEY AND GREECE, BUT IN RECOGNITION OF THE SIZE OF TURKEY'S ARMED FORCES AND THEIR MODERNIZATION NEEDS, WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE MORE OF OUR LIMITED RESOURCES TO TURKEY THAN TO GREECE. THAT CONTINUES TO BE THE CASE.

4. IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS OF THE US-TURKISH AGREEMENT WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE PRESS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE NOT AT ANY TIME SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH WITH YOU, OR WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT MORE GENERALLY, A LINKAGE BETWEEN US-TURKISH BILATERAL SECURITY RELATIONS AND THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, OR BETWEEN US-TURKISH TIES AND OUTSTANDING TURKISH-GREEK ISSUES. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE OFFERED OUR VIEW THAT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE US-TURKISH AGREEMENT WILL REMOVE AN IMPEDIMENT TO AMELIORATION OF THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS TROUBLING YOUR REGION.

5. OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. BITSIOS THIS WEEK, AS WELL AS ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS GROWING OUT OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS, WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING. INCIDENTALLY, DURING MY TALKS WITH BITSIOS, I INTEND TO PASS ON THE CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENT IN YOUR APRIL 13 MESSAGE TO THE EFFECT THAT TURKISH POLICIES ON CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN CONTINUE TO BE AIMED AT FINDING PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO ALL TURCO-GREEK PROBLEMS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. WARM REGARDS. HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.

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